



VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
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January 12, 2022

Health & Safety Protocols with Valley High School Athletic Department:

Greetings,

This letter is to address an update with our Boys and Girls Basketball teams. With high importance in regards to confirmed cases for COVID-19, we are coordinating our efforts with the Health Department to promptly identify and monitor the individual who have had recent contact and confirmed COVID-19 positive individual to prevent further spread within our school and community. The health and safety of our student and staff at Valley High School is our highest priority, and we recognize the uncertainty and concern regarding the evolving Coronavirus Omicron variant. We are following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the state, Navajo Nation, Arizona Interscholastic Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and local health departments for best practices and procedures to protect everyone's health.

Athletic participation (competition and practice) will be on hold for two weeks from January 10, 2022 to January 23, 2022. All basketball competition within these dates have been canceled and rescheduled to a later date in the season.

To prevent further spread of the disease, Valley High School is taking the following steps:

- Identify and notify close contacts (i.e., persons who were within six feet of a COVID-positive individual for 15 minutes or longer).
- Placing staff members and students who are identified as having prolonged close contact to the COVID-19 case(s) in quarantine.
- Ongoing monitoring of students and staff for signs and symptoms of illness and evaluation of illness reports to promptly identify possible outbreaks.
- Conducting a deep clean and disinfection of highly touched surfaces, locker room, and gymnasium daily.

We will continue to enforce safe practices to prevent, promptly identify, and respond to potential COVID cases, as follows:

- Students and staff who are ill with COVID-like symptoms will promptly be placed in a separate supervised area away from others until they can be sent home.
- Students are required to wear face coverings at all times, as previously directed and per school policy and Navajo Nation.
- Staff are required to wear face coverings at all times while in contact with students and other staff in the facility.
- We are continuously sanitizing high-touch surfaces including door handles, stair rails, sink faucets, etc.
- We are teaching students the importance of face coverings, social distancing, and proper handwashing:

As always, everyone should monitor their health and stay at home if they develop symptoms. Anyone



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who develops symptoms should seek testing immediately. If your child has had close contact with a known case of COVID-19, keep them home and notify Valley High School in regards to best practice and attendance.

We are committed to providing your child and our staff with a safe and healthy environment. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing cooperation with our COVID prevention policies and procedures as we work to help protect your children, your families, and our staff and their families. For any questions or concerns, please contact Valley High School.

Sincerely,

Tiarra Yazzie

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Valley High School Athletic Director

Peter Balibay

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Valley High School Principal